

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

Charles K. Djou, Chair; Barbara Marshall, Vice-Chair; Todd K. Apo, Romy M. Cachola,
Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Nestor R. Garcia, Ann H. Kobayashi, Gary H. Okino, Rod Tam, Members

Committee Meeting Held
January 12, 2006

Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Executive Matters and Legal Affairs, to which was referred
Resolution 06-010, entitled:

**"RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT FROM BOMBARDIER
TRANSPORTATION OF AIRFARE AND LODGING FOR TWO
COUNCILMEMBERS TO VIEW MASS TRANSIT LINES IN VANCOUVER,
BRITISH COLUMBIA AND LAS VEGAS, NEVADA,**

reports as follows:

The purpose of this Resolution is to accept a gift from Bombardier Transportation of airfare and lodging for two Councilmembers to visit mass transit lines in Vancouver, British Columbia, and Las Vegas, Nevada. The mass transit lines in Vancouver and the monorail which links hotels on the Las Vegas strip use technology manufactured by Bombardier.

This gift has been "sunshined on" to your Committee's agenda of this date in order to provide an early expression of Councilmember's sentiments regarding this gift. The visit to Vancouver and Las Vegas is scheduled for January 20 to 24, 2006, a period before the next Council meeting on January 25, 2006. Thus, technically, the Council will not be able to formally accept this gift before the visit. If, however, your Committee, which is comprised of all nine Councilmembers, votes to recommend acceptance of the gift, the Council Chair and Councilmembers taking the trip will feel confident that the full Council will accept the gift at the January 25th meeting on an after-the-fact basis.

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The Transportation Committee Chair recommended the acceptance of this gift. See Communication CC-006 (2006). According to the Transportation Committee Chair, the visit to Vancouver and Las Vegas is scheduled for January 20 to 24 in order to join the Mayor, who will be visiting those cities at that time.

The Council Chair noted that the gift is being donated to the Council and not to specific Councilmembers. In response to a question, the Council Chair stated that the Chair has not selected the Councilmembers to make the visit.

Your Committee finds that the City will benefit from the personal review and evaluation by two Councilmembers of the mass transit lines in Vancouver and the monorail on the Las Vegas strip as well as Bombardier's rail technology. Your Committee notes that the Council will have to select a locally preferred alternate for a transit system by the end of 2006. Your Committee believes that the two Councilmembers who take the trip will disseminate the knowledge gained to other Councilmembers and, by doing so, promote the decision-making capability of the Council. Thus, your Committee finds that the gift should be accepted.

Your Committee on Executive Matters and Legal Affairs, by unanimous agreement of members present (Ayes: Marshall, Apo, Cachola, Dela Cruz, Garcia, Kobayashi, Okino, and Tam - 8; Noes: None; Excused: Djou - 1) is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 06-010 and recommends that it be considered for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,


Acting Committee Chair

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